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Classics Group Gives Professor To Wis. Convent

"I like them all," was the Rev. Camillus Lutkemeier's significant answer to my question on his preference for the world's great musical composers. And he does; those stacks and stacks of compositions by Beethoven, Mozart, Liszt, and all the rest that grace his studio-room on the third floor of the Administration Building give mute testimony.

When his fingers speak the language of music, however, on his Poole baby grand, Father Camillus prefers Chopin, especially the Nocturnes, Waltzes and Ballades. Then the ivories ring, and professors, weary from their ceaseless class preparations or incessant grading of papers and tests, pause refreshed.

Many a happy hour has this instructor of Greek and Latin shared with his colleagues on the teaching staff. Sometimes they were passive as solo after solo dreamed or thundered to its conclusion. At other times a trio or quartet developed for an evening hour of melody, and cello and violin blended with the harmony.

Now Father Camillus has a new audience for his concerts. On Feb. 1 he left for St. Rose Convent, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where he succeeds the late Father Meinrad B. Koester as Chaplain of the Sisters of St. Francis. Ordained in 1927, Father Ca-

LAST CLASS



FR. CAMILLUS LUTKEMEIER

millus came to St. Joseph's in September of that year for his first appointment. He spent the years from 1933 to 1935 at the Catholic University, where he did post-graduate work in the

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Father Knue Chemistry Professor Victim of Heart Disturbance

Death stalked the college campus early Monday morning, Feb. 1, taking as its prey Father Cyril F. Knue, C.P.P.S., professor of chemistry. He had gone to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Lafayette, Ind., a week earlier, suffering from what appeared to be a mild case of bronchial pneumonia. This condition was much improved on Sunday when he conversed freely with relatives and friends. A heart attack brought the end suddenly.

Father Knue joined the faculty in Sept., 1926, after receiving his Master of Science degree at the Catholic University, which he attended since his ordination, June 1, 1924. His sterling, priestly character and his efficient teaching won for him the respect of all students immediately. Deeply engrossed in his work, he took summer courses at Canisius College, Buffalo, N. Y., Indiana State Normal, Butler, Purdue and Indiana Universities in subsequent years.

Born at Aurora, Ind., Dec. 7, 1895, Father Knue studied at St. Joseph's from 1915 to 1918 before going to St. Charles Seminary. For twelve years, 1926-1938, he taught at the college, and was president during the



FATHER CYRIL KNUE

last year. Then as Director of the Mission Band for two years he was located at St. Charles Seminary. In May, 1940, he went to Rome as a special delegate of the American Province of the Precious Blood Community. In 1941 he again returned to the college as a professor.

A Solemn Requiem High Mass was celebrated in the college chapel at 10:30 Wednesday morning, Feb. 3. Final obsequies were held at Carthagen, Ohio, next morning at ten o'clock.

Ft. Wayne Chapter Paints Town Red For Puma-Great Lakes Tilt

It wasn't the fault of the Fort Wayne Chapter of St. Joseph's Alumni that the Pumas lost so heavily to Great Lakes Naval Academy on Jan. 13. Had the score compared to the preparations of these men for the game Uncle Sam's Navy would have been sunk.

For weeks in advance both Fort Wayne papers carried announcements. Moreover, the whole town was plastered with posters, directing the passersby to North Side High School gym, where the contest was held.

Tickets were sold, every active member being on the committee, and when the crowd was gath-

ered around the court it looked like Yankee Stadium waiting for a double-header.

Meeting the squad at the Pennsylvania station, some of the alumni escorted them to the gym before finding their places in the block of seats reserved in the rooters' section. Their cheering was infectious, for Fort Wayne's basketball-minded population stuck to the Pumas even in slaughter.

When, next day, Coach Dienhart asked for his bill for hotel reservations he found that the treasurer of the Fort Wayne chapter had already written the check.

Norb Dreiling Now Sports Silver Bars

One of the first alumni known to enlist in the Armed Service was Norbert Dreiling, '38.

For three months he was a private; for six more, a corporal. Then as a sergeant he served at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, until Sept. 15 last, when he graduated from Officer Candidate School as a Second Lieutenant.

At that time he transferred to Camp Bowie, Texas, where he has been acting battery commander. During this past month Norb was promoted again and now wears the silver bar of a First Lieutenant. (Bat. F, 174 F. A.)

Kenneth Rhoades Dies On Furlough

Having returned from Great Lakes Naval Base to spend the week-end with his family in Rensselaer, Kenneth P. Rhoades, '40, became ill early Sunday morning, Jan. 24, and died of Spinal Meningitis at ten o'clock the following Tuesday morning.

Kenneth had entered the Coast Guard service last September. He spent one year at the college.

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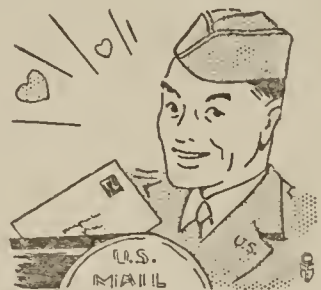
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Edward W. Fischer — Sylvester H. Ley, C.P.P.S.

Thank you, Service Man, for posting that letter. You are my Valentine. And don't let anyone kid you into believing that you mailed it to some "skoit" back home. I know better. For looking through my telescope I can read the name: Editor of CONTACT, and the address, good 'ole St. Joe.



It is satisfying to hear from you, even to get only your address. While I can't write to all of you more than 325 personally, I can publish your address in the paper so that the rest of the boys may know where you are and write to you.

Have they been writing? Has your family been sending you the paper when we did not have your Service address on our records? I'm afraid not. For again looking through my telescope I can find such address of only sixteen who are overseas and 123 who are still in the various camps in the States. I know that if you received this little monthly message from your Alma Mater every one of you would send me a Valentine as so many of you have done.



That's all right. I don't blame you for shouting. I'd scream if I were where you are—up in the Aleutian Islands or Iceland, or maybe in Africa or down under the equator in Australia—and no one told any one else where I am. I can hear what you're saying: Send the editor my address right now.



What? You've been transferred again? And you've been promoted? Good! But tell me right away. You know, I'd like to let you know why I want to hear all these things about you, but it's bashful I am. I've asked the little fellow to write it on his slate for you to read. The other reason is, I have to fill all four of these pages.



A very wide-awake organization, the Albertus Magnus Club, has voted to send a news letter to all alumni who were once members of the club. Hope is that this will develop into a bulletin published quarterly.

That's co-operation—one of the ingredients that will have to be a part of eventual world peace.

STUFF And SUCH

Seventeen students from the college were called to the armed service during and since the Christmas Holidays up to the end of the first semester, Jan. 28.

As the first semester ticked toward its final hour, the immediate future of college students became more and more certain. A long distance telephone call announced that Army reserves could expect a general summons within two weeks after the close of the current semester. On this information they were advised not to register to continue studies at the present time.

However, from this category were excepted all pre-medical, dental, and veterinary students, all engineering students beyond their freshman year, and all students in the electronic training group.

Dr. Aloys Dirksen, President of the college, has not been unmindful of the future of St. Joseph's. He has sent complete information on the housing, educational and other facilities of the college to the proper authorities, with the view to obtain college men after they have completed their three months' basic training.

Father Albert Wuest, C.P.P.S., professor of chemistry, has constructed an apparatus for detecting war gases through chemical means. The device is also valuable for the air-flow analysis of soil, clothing and foods. It was explained to the Albertus Magnus Society assembled in regular meeting.

Under the direction of Father Thomas Grotenrath the Sanguinist Club for Catholic Action sponsored a Triduum of prayer, Jan. 26-28, for all former students and faculty members now in the armed services. Daily Mass, Communion, and a short chapel service with private benediction immediately after dinner comprised the spiritual activities.

Seven seniors completed their college work at the end of the first semester.

Each Sunday Father Nieset, professor of geology, is taking a group of his students on a field trip to the Field Museum in Chicago. He has been given access to the private laboratories of the museum for study and illustration.

Before this copy is mailed Mary Hutchinson, Shakespearean impersonator, will have presented a number of the Bard's heroines on the campus stage. The actress is reported to weave a play in miniature around each character she reveals.

Bowling has become as popular at St. Joe as in Fort Wayne, where a year ago there was a movement on to tear down one of the city's architectural monuments in the absence of the mayor to make room for more bowling. Even if the college had a mayor the auditorium wouldn't be razed to increase the ten-pin facilities; however, those interhall contests during the winter months are just a sample of what those same students are going to do to the Japs. A Chicago boy, with two Hoosiers, a cheese eater from Wisconsin, and another Chicagoan (Fred Sieben for short) won ten of



Turn Back the Clock

Attic Dorm

You're wrong! I'm not going to say anything about attics or dormitories. Not this time. Later, with your help. I've just been rummaging through the Memoirs of the Alumni Association, dated May 4, 1927, signed by the Rev. James M. Fitzgerald, '14, Historian of the year 1926-'27.

These Memoirs are divided into three epochs: "ancient," extending from the beginning to 1903; "medieval," covering the years 1903-1912; and "modern," embracing the years from 1913 "to the present time."

That "present time" was sixteen years ago. It's time for more Memoirs, which the present historian can write only with the generous assistance of—you know who I mean. Yes, tales of the attic dorm can now be told. Only bats live there now. But bats get in my hair.

I'm depending on alumni from '27 to '42, inclusive, to help furnish grist for the Memoir mill.

History by Decades.

Like a Rosary, let's gather anecdotes by decades for this column. This is 1943. What happened in '93, '03, and all the other '3's up to the present? You men of the early nineties will have to take care of that first year; especially graduates of '03, '13 and the succeeding decades can give first aid for them. Others too are invited to contribute. We will print the items each month until the end of the year.

Just a Taste

HERE'S a sample from the Memoirs: "In May, 1903, St. Joseph's became the scene of a smallpox scare. Under the circumstances this scare forced the faculty to grant permission for a hurried exodus of the students for their home towns. Comment: It was propitious that it was only a scare. Mumps, scarlet fever, and pinkeye in the years 1912-16 were not scares; they were realities and snapshot photos of infirmity scenes during the siege of these epidemics identify many a weird and bewhiskered countenance."

Under the small pox scare there was a hurried exodus homeward; in defense of property rights there were stampedes, as this item proves: "1903—Many individuals missed their breakfasts in defending their class flags. Comment: This note came to hand accidentally. It is absolutely unintelligible to a 'modernist' of the Alumni."

their fourteen games for a .714 percentage.

Is it significant that Seifert Hall leads in the interhall basketball race for championship? Under such patronage the boys living there should be stalwarts.

Grad Communiques

CONTACT GETS PLUG
DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI
STUFF O. K. TOO

Dear Editor:

It surely is wonderful to receive the alumni paper. I read all about the fellows I know who are in the Army and keeping things hot. I would like to continue getting the paper, if it costs anything, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Pfc. Paul H. Banet, '39.

Co. E, Sig. Service Regiment,
Fort Monmouth, N. J.
KEESLER FIELD, MISS.

Jan. 17.

Here I am way down in Mississippi, right on the Gulf of Mexico. I'm in the air corps.

Dan O'Loughlin was with us at Camp Grant, and I believe he remained there.

Yours truly,

Pvt. Leon J. Frechette, '30.
400th T. S. S., FLT. 688-C.

The other day I received a real piece of reading material—**Stuff**. The value of this paper is even higher due to the fact that I am serving in the Army somewhere in North Africa. It is a rare treat to have the pleasure of reading an American newspaper. It is a rarer treat to read the paper published by one's Alma Mater.

Sincerely yours,

1st Lt. Francis C. Hodus, '40.
197th Ord. HM. BN (Q)

A. P. O. No. 668,
Care Postmaster, N. Y. City.

—More About—

Classics Group

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Classics. He also took summer courses at Notre Dame and the University of Illinois, carrying courses in music at the latter institution.

Besides his regular classes in Latin and Greek, Father Camillus was in charge of the Archconfraternity of the Precious Blood and of the Holy Name Society on the campus. He also assisted Professor Paul Tonner at times in the music department.

At St. Rose Convent Father Camillus will be the spiritual director of the sisters. He will also do some teaching in the convent classrooms. A huge assignment it is, but one for which he is well qualified. With Chopin for companionship there will always be time for a Nocturne when the day's duties are done.

Alumni Service Men Are Wearing U. S. Uniforms Of All Branches

Again we request all alumni in the service to notify us at once of any promotion or change of address. Naturally, if families prefer to have the publications mailed to them first, if they will forward the copies this is eminently satisfactory. A new postal regulation, however, forbids any but publishers to mail second-class matter overseas. Publishers can mail to paid subscribers only outside of the States.

New addresses and changes of address have been slower reaching us during January. We list the following:

Cowper made famous John Gilpin. Namesake of the later, one **Arthur R. Gilpin**, '42, who wears Pfc before his name, is making himself famous evidently somewhere in the Pacific. No. 352537811, Battery B. 260th F. A., A. P. O. 980, care Postmaster, Seattle, Washington.

Doing preparatory work for pharmacy during his year at St. Joe, PQT. **Thaddeus Arent**, '41, is at Area 'A' T. 127, 1610 S. U., Camp Grant, Ill.

Just a private now, but watch him—Pvt. **Richard Bissler**, '42, 35527384, Co. H, 2nd Battalion, 331st Med. Regt., Camp McCain, Miss.

From Brimfield, Ill., he's brimful of what it takes, is Pvt. **L. Michael Welch**, '42. Get all those letters right when you write to him. They are, A. A. F. T. T. C., Group XI, Flight 4, Atlantic City, N. J.

Where's your brother Henry, Tom? Tom is Pvt. **T. F. Ritter**, '42, who is with Co. 10, Marine Detail, U. S. A. C., Logan, Utah.

Correction: Last month we listed the service of Lt. **Joseph H. Gigandet**, '34, incorrectly. He is with the 317CA (BBB) at Camp Tyson, Tenn. Joe writes that the Barrage Balloon Battalion is comparatively new in the Army. The members are known as the "Silent Sentries of the Skies."

At Great Lakes, Ill.—**Thomas J. McDermott**, '42, A. S., Co. 1885, U.S.N.T.S.

A nephew of Father Nicholas Greiwe, C.P.P.S., '96, **Edward Teyber**, '37, was inducted into the service recently. (A. S. N. 3562049, Headquarters Battery, 253 F. A., B. W., Camp McCoy, Wisc.)

The parents of **J. Woodford**

Moore, '39, write that Woody, who is in the Southwest Pacific, is to be made a captain in the marines. So enthusiastic is he about his department that he plans to continue with the marines after the war.

For three years Lt. **Clinton Firestone**, '40, has flown for Uncle Sam in all parts of this country; nine of these months were on sub-patrol duty. Later he became a pilot trainer. Now he has the comparatively easy task of flying his general around on inspection tours.

Clinton flies all kinds of planes—pursuits, bombers, and observation. He is married and has a daughter six months old.

Twins from Bardstown, Ky., **Richard** and **Meveral Greenwell**, '35, both one-year men, have been with the armed forces in Australia since last March, 1942. Address unknown.

In the 861st Bombardier T, Squadron, S.A.A.F., San Angelo, Texas, is Sgt. **Maurice E. Hamilton**, '40, who came to St. Joe with this year's graduating class.

High School, June, '40, at St. Joe. In the army it's Hq. Co. 1607th, S.U. Bld. 83, Post Rec. & Cas. Tng. Plat., Ft. Sheridan, Ill., for Pvt. **Eugene G. Jaeger**.

A pre-philosophy student who left in '40, Sgt. **Joseph Brungardt** is listed No. 37003149, O.C.C. No. 58, Ft. Sill, Okla.

At Fort Riley, Kan., Pvt. **Edward M. Dell**, '41, is in Co. F, 29th Tng. Bn., M.P.R.T.C., Bldg. 27351.

Marine Lt. Cropley Flies Dive Bomber

While at St. Joe between 1939 and 1941 **Richard B. Cropley** of Youngstown, O., took advantage of the air training course and obtained a license to fly. Enlisting in the Naval V-5 reserve program, he continued advanced pilot training during the summer. In January, 1942, he was called to the service.

Now Lt. Cropley (he was commissioned last October) is a member of the Marines Air Corps, having been selected for excellence from the Naval Air Corps. He flies a bomber off an aircraft carrier. (Service Group, Marine Aircraft Wings Pacific, N. A. S., San Diego, Calif.)

THE ROUNDUP



by

Coach Joe Dienhart

Naturally the January basketball schedule was light because of the Christmas Holidays on one end of the month and semester examinations on the other. In the four games played the Pumas did not change their standing, losing to Great Lakes and Valparaiso, winning over Illinois Normal and Chicago Teachers.

The tentative game with Loras College, Feb. 13, has been cancelled because of traveling difficulties, this in favor of a game with Peru, Ind., Naval Base on February 15. An effort is being made to contract Ill. Wesleyan for Feb. 23, the evening immediately after a game with Ill. Normal, as both games scheduled are away and within a few miles of each other. If this effort matures there will be only one game next month, March 1, with Indiana State. It will be played on the home floor.

Three players who have fought under the cardinal and purple are now preparing to fight under the red, white and blue. Norbert Walsh of Louisville and Charlie Rumbach and Earl Salb, both of Jasper, Ind., are the Johnnies with the guns.

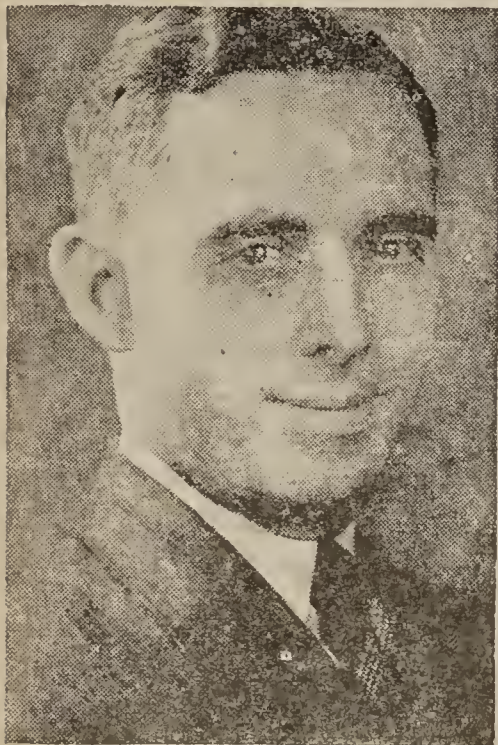
Two hard-working freshmen on the squad are Mike Sokel of Anderson, Ind., and Joe Luchi of Portsmouth, Ohio. Mike, with his 5 ft., 6 in., stature, is as much of a crowd pleaser as any giant 6-ft., 10-in. Joe, understudy of Don Schrenk, forward, who is out recuperating after an appendectomy, was All-State in Ohio high school competition.

Another freshman, who doesn't find shatter-proof glasses any handicap, is Dick Krouse of Ft. Wayne.

Boxing will not be on the card this season as a varsity sport, the better material and the coach having been claimed by the international tangle. However, there is plenty of boxing available for home competition, as there is bowling, wrestling, basketball and calisthenics. That is as it should be.

Birkmeyer Comes Through Again

Twice within four years Mr. Paul Birkmeyer, '19 who lives with his wife and three sons at 17 Winding Way, Verona, N. J., has won large cash prizes in



MR. PAUL BIRKMEYER

contests run by the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation of Cleveland, Ohio.

In 1938, Mr. Birkmeyer's paper on an "All Purpose Modern Arc Welded Steel Table" was awarded the \$2,500 Second Prize under Office Furniture, and Second Grand Prize in the General Furniture and Fixture Classification of the Award Program.

The same Foundation sponsored a similar award program last year. Writing on "A Printer Console," an enclosure for a telegraphic printer in customers' offices, Mr. Birkmeyer captured the \$2,700 First Prize under Office Furniture, and Second Grand Prize in the General Furniture and Fixtures Classification.

After taking his preparatory work at St. Joe, Mr. Birkmeyer attended Ohio State U., graduating from there in 1923 as a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering. Immediately he received a position in the Engineering Department of The Western Union Telegraph Company of 60 Hudson St., N. Y. C., where as an engineering assistant until 1935 his work was concerned with the layout and installation of message distributing systems.

Since 1938, as an engineer, Mr. Birkmeyer is engaged in the design and construction, as well as the layout, assembly and wiring of operating and switching equipment for use in customers' offices.

Pope Names Three Alumni Monsignori

Selected by Pope Pius XII to wear in future the purple of Papal Chamberlains are three priest-alumni of St. Joseph's. They are Fathers Constantine Pettigrew, '13, John E. Kuhn, '17, and Clarence G. Issenmann, '27. All now bear the title of Very Reverend Monsignor.

Msgr. Pettigrew is procurator, dean of discipline, and registrar of St. Gregory's Preparatory Seminary, Mt. Washington, Cincinnati; Msgr. Kuhn, administrator of St. Louis Church, Cincinnati; and Msgr. Issenmann, professor of theology in Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati.

CONTACT, in the name of St. Joseph's and that of her alumni, offers hearty congratulations to these three honored clergymen.

Ed Bubala Learns Tricks With Jeep

Out at Camp Beale, California, is Pvt. Edward J. Bubala, '36, who after some years of philosophy and theology took a post-graduate course, '41-'42, to prepare for teaching. Uncle Sam decided to teach him some tricks about peeps and jeeps and tanks.

Eddie was inducted last Nov. 27, and soon after came clean from Pittsburg to his present address, a journey in the dark of five days and five nights. There his special task is training to be a Scout Car Commander.

But he has the regular duties of those in their thirteen weeks of basic training, and he sings in the choir and every Wednesday morning turns in a "jumble of amusing news items to the Bealiner, Divisional paper." "It's the Campus Capers Column," says Eddie. (Co. D, 46th Armd. Regt. 2nd Bn., 13th Armd. Div., A. P. O. 263, Camp Beale, Calif.)

Sgt. Dieruf Walks Down Middle Aisle

There is something about a soldier. This Sgt. William C. Dieruf, Jr., '42, who has been advancing so rapidly since he enlisted in the Army last August 1, was married Feb. 4 to Miss Evelyn Adele Kolb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius C. Kolb, of Louisville, Ky. The ceremony was celebrated in the Church of Christ the King, Louisville.

Chaplain Esser Is Given Oak Leaf

During the Christmas Holidays Chaplain Gilbert F. Esser, C.P.P.S., '18, was taking advanced training at the Chaplain's School, Harvard U. He then received ten days' leave, when he visited his parents in Missouri and spent two days on the campus.

When he returned to his post at Camp Blanding, Fla., Chaplain Esser found a promotion awaiting him. He has doffed the twin silver bars of a Captain for the gold oak leaf of a Major.

Boland V-Writes From South Seas

From his position in the South Pacific Pfc. Raymond Boland, '42, writes that the Nov. issue of CONTACT reached him.

We are happy to print your address, Ray, so that "any fellows out my way can get in touch with me." (35275967, 3rd Med. Lab., A. P. O. 922, care Postmaster, San Francisco, California.)

By the way, the writing in your V-mail letter was too small to be photographed, and the V-mail Station requested that you be so informed.

Chaplain Connelly "Way Down South"

"Way down south" in South Dakota, reads the announcement of the appointment of the Rev. Richard J. Connelly, '35, since he was graduated from the Army Chaplain School at Harvard, Dec. 28.

Chaplain Connelly is at the Army Air Base, Rapid City, S. Dak.

Move Father Wonderley

From the pastorate of SS. Cyril and Methodus parish, North Judson, Ind., the Rev. Joseph S. Wonderley, '16, transferred to that of Holy Name parish, Cedar Lake, during the last week of January.

Ordained in 1922, Father Wonderley for several years acted as assistant in different parishes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne. Then he spent twelve years in Texas, where he was pastor of Holy Souls church in Pampa. In 1940 he received the care of North Judson.

Lt. Tom Bugher Finance Officer

Change that address before you write again; Lt. Thomas Bugher, '40, has been transferred. On the way to the top before his induction into the Army, he is reaching toward the dome in the Service.

Starting as a bookkeeper for the Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., in Indianapolis after he left St. Joe,



LT. TOM BUGHER

he was office manager when he tried to enlist as an aviation cadet in July of 1941. "Bad eyes flunked me," he says.

Curtiss Wright's, in the Accounts Payable Dept., was the next position. Head of the department—understudy of the office manager—then, Feb. 9, 1942, induction, with assignment to the Finance School.

While at Ft. Tatten, N. Y., Tom did the little ole town, N. Y. C., from top to bottom, liking best St. Patrick's Cathedral and meeting William (Red) Cahill, '41, on Times Square.

Last October 28, Tom received his Commission, eight months and nineteen days after induction. Now he is Base Finance Officer with a staff of fifteen men and a Warrant Officer under him.

(Finance Officer, A. A. B., Alamogordo, New Mexico.)

Promote Fr. McGinn

Especially for you grads of '16, congratulations are in order, for your classmate, the Rev. James W. McGinn, has been promoted from the pastorate of St. Patrick's church, Elkhart, Ill., to that of St. Mary's parish, Urbana.